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TOPIC Soviet Fuel Depot at Radensleben

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. the Soviet fuel depot at Radensleben was completed. The depot had 149 containers of 24 cubic meters each, and 1 container of 50 cubic meters. The containers had been dug in and were connected by three pipelines running side by side. The fence was completed but the light lines were still incomplete because of a lack of wire. The inspection of the completed depot by construction engineers from Potsdam and Fuerstenberg was scheduled for 12 January. The inspection commission was said to include one Major Ryshov (fnu). *

2. The railroad spur had allegedly not been opened to traffic by the railroad authorities because the substructure had not completely settled. However, railroad cars, other than tank cars, were shunted to the depot. A shipment of connecting pipes and cocks was on some of these cars.

3. The transformer station was completed. A low wooden building for the switchboard for the telephone system connecting the watchtowers was erected at the north-eastern corner of depot area

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4. The depot was guarded by a group of about 20 young soldiers who wore red epaulets and who came from Kiev.

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* Comment. The capacity of the depot is assumed to be between 4,000 and 5,000 cubic meters. the depot was scheduled to be put in operation by the Soviets on 4 February 1952. This report also mentioned Major (Adm) Ryshov (fnu) as chief of the inspection commission. Ryshov (fnu) is known to be the chief of the military construction bureau of the Kech in Fuerstenberg, Mecklenburg. Another officer mentioned in the reference report was Major Abrosov (fnu) who may be the commandant of the new fuel depot. As no information from the tank cars has been received since the end of January 1952, no statement can be made as to the amount of fuel at the depot.

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